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**DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.131**

I, Eric C. Anderson, hereby declare that:

1. I am the inventor of the subject matter recited in the claims of the above-identified application.
2. Prior to August 9, 1996, I conceived of the idea of providing a digital camera interface that includes a mark function for allowing a user to mark randomly chosen images to create a temporary group of images for collective manipulation.
3. I conceived of this idea while working for Apple Computer, Inc., in Cupertino, CA, as System Architect for Apple's next generation software architecture for image capture devices, code-named "FlashPoint".

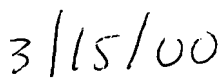


4. Attached Exhibit A is a letter dated August 8, 1996, from outside counsel to Eric Anderson enclosing a second draft of the present application for review.

5. On August 23, 1996, the present patent application describing and claiming my invention was filed.

I hereby declare that all statements made of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

  
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**EXHIBIT A**

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**VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS**

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Re: U.S. Patent Application  
Your Reference No. P1969  
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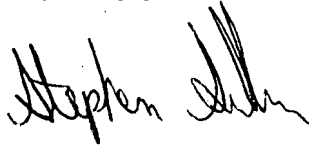
Dear Eric:

Please find attached a second draft of the above identified patent application including claims and informal drawings. Please carefully review the draft patent application to insure that the application, including the specification, claims and the hand drafted drawings, completely and accurately describe and claim your invention.

Please provide any additions or changes you may have directly on the corresponding pages and fax the pages back to me as soon as possible.

If you are aware of any additional or more pertinent prior art or other material information that should be called to the attention of the Patent Office, please insert reference to it directly on the draft application. Please do not hesitate to call should you have any questions or comments.

Very truly yours,



Stephen G. Sullivan

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